

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

LISTING OF CLAIMS:

1. (canceled)

2. (previously presented) Absorbent article according to claim 15, wherein the elastic member bends the rear portion in a substantially parabolic shape, deforming parts of the absorbent article that lies between the first leg and the second leg, thereby forming a ridge between the first leg and the second leg.

3. (previously presented) Absorbent article according to claim 2, wherein the elastic member runs along a center line of the absorbent article, from where the center line meets the rear edge, to a point beyond the point where the layer in the absorbent body is split into the two legs.

4. (previously presented) Absorbent article according to claim 2, wherein the elastic member runs along the center line, longitudinally along the entire absorbent article.

5. (previously presented) Absorbent article according to claim 4, wherein the elastic member is split into at least two elastic parts in the front portion.

6. (previously presented) Absorbent article according to claim 2, wherein the elastic member is placed in any of the layers that builds the absorbent article.

7. (previously presented) Absorbent article according to claim 2, wherein the angle α is between 10° - 120° .

8. (previously presented) Absorbent article according to claim 2, wherein the length of the legs is 20-350 mm.

9. (previously presented) Absorbent article according to claim 2, wherein the length of the ridge is at least 10 mm.

10. (previously presented) Absorbent article according to claim 2, wherein the ridge has a top portion constituting an upper part of the ridge and that the width of the ridge is 0.1-20 mm at the top portion of the ridge.

11. (previously presented) Absorbent article according to claim 15, wherein the elastic member is attached to the article in a stretched state.

12. (canceled)

13. (previously presented) The absorbent article according to claim 15, wherein said angle α is in a transverse plane.

14. (previously presented) The absorbent article according to claim 11, wherein said first and second legs are substantially coplanar.

15. (currently amended) An absorbent article which has a substantially elongated shape with a longitudinal direction and a transverse direction and has two side edges, a front edge and a rear edge, a front portion, a rear portion and a central portion between the front portion and the rear portion, said article further has a liquid-pervious cover layer and a liquid-impervious cover layer and an absorbent body,

wherein a rear portion of the absorbent body comprises a layer [[so]] that ~~only a rear portion of the absorbent layer is~~ split into a substantially Y-shaped body having a first leg and a second leg with a gap between the legs having an angle α defined between the first leg and the second leg,

wherein said rear portion of the absorbent body begins at a change in inclination of the side edges with respect to a longitudinal center line of said article,

wherein a center portion of the absorbent body is a primary receiving portion when a liquid is emitted on to the absorbent body, and

wherein an elastic member is placed between the first leg and the second leg without overlapping said first and second legs, said elastic member essentially extends in the longitudinal direction.

16. (canceled)

17. (new) An absorbent article which has a substantially elongated shape with a longitudinal direction and a transverse direction and has two side edges, a front edge and a rear edge, a front portion, a rear portion and a central portion between the front portion and the rear portion, said article further has a liquid-pervious cover layer and a liquid-impervious cover layer and an absorbent body,

wherein a rear portion of the absorbent body comprises a layer that is split into a substantially Y-shaped body having a first leg and a second leg with a gap between the first and second legs, said gap increasing from a proximal end to a distal end of said first and second legs,

wherein said rear portion of the absorbent body begins at a change in inclination of the side edges with respect to a longitudinal center line of said article, and

wherein an elastic member is placed between the first leg and the second leg without overlapping said first and second legs, said elastic member essentially extends in the longitudinal direction.